NEWS continued

Circle of Power healing prayer group on Wednesday, the 12th, 7:30-9:00 p.m., and the Gift of Communication Workshop on Friday the 14th, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Rev. de Peyer will also be conducting counseling and consultations. You may reach him in Chicago at the home of Hans Mendenhall, (312) 743-8693. Christian Mendenhall will be doing much of the orgainizing for the activities. For details, please call him at 348-3606, evenings or weekends. We hope that all our Chicago friends will be able to attend these annual activities.

ATLANTA: Jennifer Maxfield (Fluffy) continues her visits with her new group of enthusiastic volunteers to Georgia Regional Hospital. Meanwhile, Margery Kellar and Deborah Wengrow continue to host the Circle of Power prayer fellowship with some powerful healing effects.

INTERNATIONAL

KUMASI, GHANA: David Appiah-Kubi has been doing some great things. He writes, "I am fully set for a successful take-off of God's work. I have also started a morning devotional service with a handful of some brethren, and God is doing marvellous things for us." David is now the chief distributor of Faith Cassettes, our tape ministry, in Ghana. Anyone in Ghana may write to David for any of the Faith Cassettes listed in this newsletter. To receive a cassette you should send either a blank cassette or money to cover the cost of same. Faith Cassettes are mainly C-32's. If you cannot obtain a C-32 we suggest you send a C-45, which are readily available. Write as follows: David Appiah-Kubi, c/o P.O. Box 2693, Ashtown, Kumasi.

David is selling provisions at the local market, and is playing Faith Cassettes at his kiosk. Praise the Lord for David's inspiration and initiative.

ACCRA, GHANA: Speaking of Faith Cassettes, we would like to tell you of some reactions from members of the Scripture Union. Brother S.K. Yawson writes, "I have first been introduced to the work your Ministry is doing through a recent seminar organized by the Scripture Union of Accra. Your religious cassettes were played to herald the rehearsals and many of us were convinced that if such lessons were distributed among the Union members it would go a long way to draw many souls to Christ." Irene Holbrook writes, "I have the privilege of listening to religious sermons on cassette tapes at a meeting of the Scripture Union in Accra recently. I am very happy to inform you that I was highly impressed and touched by the sermons."

Faithful member, James Quansah, writes, "The Lord has helped and continues to help and heal all those whose names I write on the prayer list (Circle of Power). Our God is really very wonderful. I have already contacted Circle of Power members and am making plans to encourage more members for the prayer fellowship. I know that by the power of Almighty God we in Accra shall achieve our aim and thereby extend the Circle of Power throughout Ghana." Our prayers and support are with you, James.

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LETTERS

We are blessed to be able to reproduce here a selection of letters from children in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at Ruby Thomas Elementary School.

Dear Daffy,
You are a funny clown at skating. You gave me a coloring book. I love you.
Heather

Dear Daffy,
I would like to be a clown and do funny things. I will make a Valentine card for you. Thanks for coming to rollerskate.
Love,
Jeremy

Dear Daffy,
Thank you for coming to visit us. Thank you for the toys. When will you come back to school. You look like a funny clown. I like the toys.
Love,
Christopher

Dear Daffy,
You come to school to see the children. The kids are here at school. I liked you, Daffy. What color is your car? How old are you? I love you.
Sherry

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ The Circle of Power is an international prayer fellowship, the members of which spend time each day in prayer for the sick and troubled. Every month we send out a letter containing testimonies to the Lord's healing and news of members together with a prayer list. If you would like to add your prayers to those of all members, please check the box and return this section to us.

MAILING LIST

☐ I would like you to add me to your mailing list to receive your quarterly Newsletter.

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☐ THE CLOWN MINISTRY

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☐ THE GIFTS OF HEALING - AN INTRODUCTION
☐ YOU ARE A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S HEALING
☐ THE SPIRIT OF HEALING
☐ THE GIFT OF FAITH
☐ THE GIFT OF COMMUNICATION
☐ THE WORLD IS HELL

The following are original compositions channeled by Rev. Andrew Michaels.

☐ THE EVERLASTING CRIME & THE INNOCENT ONES
☐ ...AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR
☐ SEASONS
☐ TALES OF WONDER

If you have checked any of the boxes above, please PRINT your name and address below, cut out this panel and mail it to: The Foundation Faith of GOD, P.O. Box 11375, Las Vegas, NV 89111-1375, U.S.A.

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SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Celebration, 1-2PM at Faith Center. Our weekly fellowship. A gathering together in the Lord. Praise, prayer, music, renewal, and special prayers for those in need of healing.

HEALING & COUNSELING

Ministers are available at Faith Center for counseling and healing prayers. Please call **(702) 367-6808** to schedule an appointment.
We also maintain a Healing Prayer Book in which we enter the names of all those requesting prayers. If you wish to have your name entered, or that of a friend or relative, please call with your prayer request.

NEWSBRIEFS

LOCAL

Photo: Rev. Maria Perchuk

This youngster at University Medical Center seems intent on taking out Cookie's nose!!

CLOWN MINISTRY: Cookie and Lilac (Revs. Raphael de Peyer and Grace Michaels) regularly visit the pediatric special care unit at University Medical Center (UMC). On one typical visit, a tiny, undersized baby responded with a sweet smile when the clowns spoke to the baby using her name, and sang and played softly for her. It is interesting to note how head injury cases such as this little girl benefit, following the brightly colored clowns with their eyes and responding to the music. In the next bed a 3 year old diabetic had recently arrived. He had not brought any toys and was cranky and unsettled. He responded well to the warm voices and music of the clowns, and felt much better after they gave him a soft, pink hippo to cuddle. By the time the clowns were done visiting with the next child, this weary little boy was fast asleep with the hippo hugged up against his cheek.

Out in the main pediatric ward, little faces were peeking out of doorways, and a nurse tells the clowns that a certain child is especially excited about getting a visit. The clowns visit every room, with music for the babies, music and magic tricks for the older children, and toys for all. Even the visiting brothers and sisters get a treat and some special attention so they do not feel jealous.

In the room of one very grumpy teenager, Cookie turned a nickel into a penny and then into a dime. The teenager perked up and started trying to find out how the trick was done, his discomfort and irritation forgotten. His parents were also surprised as discouragement gave way to interest and laughter.

Photo: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

Lilac distributes toys at a party for a bunch of happy children.

Ambulances are not the only ones to get emergency calls!!! A few weeks ago, Lilac received a call from one of the staff at Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis (TADC). A newly arrived client's child was having a birthday, and the family crisis had left the mother no way to provide birthday presents. A nice variety of toys was assembled from the Clown Ministry stock, along with some candy for the party, making the sudden changes in lifestyle a little less stressful for that mother and child. The toys were given in a surprise party, which was more of a surprise to the child because he thought he would not be getting anything, and had been very brave and understanding about it.

Daffydil (Rev. Nathania Gartman) regularly visits at Children's Behavioral Services preschool program. The children all look forward to her visit. One time when Daffydil was out sick one of the children went home and tearfully told his mother that the clown was ill, but was comforted when his mother explained to him that clowns were people too, and that Daffydil would soon feel better! Another child made a special point of telling his mother all about every clown visit. After "clown day" he would go home and describe all that Daffydil did, and show whatever present he had received from her. At the children's graduation at the end of the school year, this child's parents were very happy to meet Daffydil because they already had heard so much about her! They made a special point of taking pictures of their child with Daffydil, as did many of the other parents.

Photo: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

A seriously ill little one gets some light relief from Daffydil (Rev. Nathania Gartman) at Sunrise Hospital.

Daffydil also regularly visits Cosada Del Mar nursing home with her puppy puppet, "Sparkles". The clients find Daffydil a good listener, as they tell about the pets they had in their homes.

Photo: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

Daffydil and Sparkles (her hand puppet) make this youngster in Sunrise Hospital crack up!

Cookie and Lilac were very flattered to be included in the Channel 13 news program, Nevada Pride, with Kyle Meenan, during a regular visit to UMC. We hope that many of our Las Vegas readers caught this fun program.

PET THERAPY: In a conversation with Rev. Abigail Johns, the new activities director at Beverly Manor nursing home mentioned the interesting fact that patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease, which affects the mind, can still recognize clowns and animals and respond to them appropriately after much of the rest of their understanding has gone. Pet therapists, Teddy, Pippin and Scruffy, can testify to that fact by way of the many loving hugs and kind words they regularly receive there.

On a recent visit Rev. Johns and her canine therapists were delighted to see Myrtle out of bed for the first time in four months and participating in the sing-along. As usual it was a mutual admiration society between Myrtle and the dogs. Another resident, Bobby, who suffers from a severe degenerative muscle disease, has, in the past, been so frustrated at his physical limitations that he has wanted nothing to do with the dogs, but this time he seemed to be motioning them over. By the time everyone left, Bobby was doing his damdest to pet the dogs and was delighted when Teddy put his paws on Bobby's knees and gave him a lick.

Photo: Rev. Grace Michaels

Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub (HiFi), a regular visitor to Henderson Convalescent Hospital with Fritz the Cat, was asked by a wheelchair-bound young lady for pictures of her, HiFi and Fritz together. She was delighted to receive them, and on HiFi's next visit the photos were taped to her wall in a place of honor.

ANIMAL ACTION: Residents of Las Vegas have provided some wonderful homes for some of the animals from our animal sanctuary, Best Friends, in southern Utah as part of our adoption program. If you can provide a lifelong, loving home for a dog or cat please call Rev. Jana de Peyer or Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub at 367-6808.

Photo: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

These little guys from Best Friends are looking for a wonderful home (call 367-6808 in Las Vegas).

Our work with animals brings us into contact with many other organizations in the field. One, Animal Christian Concern in Leeds, England recently wrote asking us to use and publish the words and music to Rev. Andrew Michael's song, "The Everlasting Crime," and it was an honor and pleasure to oblige. This song is available from us together with the B side, "The Innocent Ones," as part of our Faith Cassettes collection.

NATIONAL

CHICAGO: Rev. Raphael de Peyer will be in the Windy City, October 10-15. Two activities will be held, the

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